

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, December 5, 2005**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19<sup>th</sup>, Wichita, Kansas 67214**

**Members Present**

Council Member Carl Brewer  
Treatha Brown-Foster  
Gerald Domitrovic  
Hayley Domitrovic\*  
Lori Lawrence  
Debra K. Miller Stevens  
Shontina Pickens-Tipton\*  
Steve Roberts  
Inga Taylor\*  
Lois Tully-Gerber

**Members Absent**

Debby Moore  
Michael Ross\*  
James Thompson  
LaVonta Williams  
Sharon Myers

**Guests**

Beverly Domitrovic, Schweiter NA  
Glen Dey, 4515 Greenbriar  
Mable Mitchell, 2707 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Dorothy Nave, 1802 Looman  
Eugene Smith, 2220 N. Roosevelt

**\*Alternates**

**City of Wichita Staff Present**

Virdena Gilkey, Neighborhood Assistant  
Officer Mo Floyd, WPD

**Order of Business**

**Call to Order**

**Council Member Carl Brewer** called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed the guests.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Roberts (Tully-Gerber)** made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Roberts (Brown Foster)** made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

**Public Agenda**

**1. Abstinence Education**

**Mable Mitchell, Center for Health and Wellness**, introduced herself to the board and gave a brief synopsis of the Abstinence Education and Pure & Simple Life Lifestyle Program. Ms. Mitchell stated that she is the coordinator for this program in District 1 and thanked the board for the opportunity to allow her to speak. She also acknowledged that Treatha Brown Foster, DAB 1 Board Member, was on the committee that applied for the grant and was instrumental in helping them to be one of the sites to receive funding. There are currently six coordinators for this program.

Ms. Mitchell explained that the Center for Health and Wellness applied for and received a three-year grant to promote abstinence in youth until marriage due to health related issues (STD's, etc.). The program is currently operating in the Boys and Girls Club on 21<sup>st</sup> Street and is now looking to expand further into the community. She stated that she is asking for support in the form of contacts, parent involvement, and teacher participation.

*(Ms. Mitchell's response is in italics)*

**Brown Foster** asked if there were any brochures to hand out to the board? *I do have brochures, but did not bring them with me tonight. I can provide them to Virdena Gilkey.* **Miller Stevens** asked for a contact number. *I can be reached at 267-6176.* **Tully-Gerber** inquired as to what the education philosophy entailed, if this is an outcome-based program, and how much was the grant? *We teach abstinence from sex before marriage in order to avoid sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS, HIV, and STD. This is an outcomes-based program with federal accountability. We have not been given the full details as coordinators, but we will receive all of the instructions soon. The total grant award was \$800,000, but that is not the amount we received.* **Domitrovic** asked what is the Center for Health and Wellness? *The Center for Health and Wellness has been in existence for eight years and services clients that are insured and non-insured. We offer free classes on health, exercises classes, free diabetic screening, etc. Our purpose is to provide health related services to the entire city and not just our community.* **Lawrence** asked if this is strictly an abstinence program? *It mainly deals health and teen related issues that come from participating in pre-marital sex.* **Taylor** asked how much did Wichita receive? *I do not know what our portion is. Only that we received it.* **Brewer** asked how would this program address handicapped teens like those at Timbers? *We have a male coordinator who works in that area. He is a part of the team and would be a contact for the teens at Timbers.*

**Roberts (Domitrovic)** made a motion to receive and file. Motion carried 6-0.

## **2. Off-agenda items**

**No items submitted.**

## **Staff Reports**

### **3. Police Report**

- **Officer Recio, 42 Beat**, gave the following report for Beats 42, 43, and 44: 1) Officer Recio, 42 Beat, stated that they are expanding the anti-prostitution area to 1100 block of Piatt/Cleveland. Currently there have been 37 arrests. They are looking at other cities and how they combated the issue. Also, there have been incidents with gang activity. Lastly, it has been in the news that the SCAT Unit is disbanding and the officers will be assisting more with patrol efforts until the officers return from overseas. The SCAT Unit in our district will remain in tact until we solve the shooting of the 12 year old; 2) Officer Jones has been moved back to 43 Beat and Officer Pierce is now on 44 Beat.

*(Officer Recio's response is in italics)*

**Brewer** asked what will happen when SCAT is disbands and is this permanent? *Their duties will be thrust onto Community Policing to pick up the slack. Most Community Police Officers have been through the SCAT rotation, so this should not be a problem. This is not permanent and is, just through the holidays until the officers return from overseas.* **Brown Foster** asked if the graduates from the academy would help and if the MS 13 gangs, that was mentioned on the news would affect anything? *We have 13 officers that will graduate in January 2006. I am not sure where they will be placed, but they will definitely assist us. As far as MS 13, our Gang Unit is still in tact and has been looking for traces of the MS 13's in the city. They have only saw graffiti and are monitoring things closely.* **Pickens** asked if there is a projected date when it will return, since SCAT is disbanding only during the holidays? *We won't lose SCAT and it should return within 60 to 90 days.* **Roberts** who will move in to 45 Beat? *Officer Heather Plush.*

- **Officer Paul Kimble** reported the following: 1) 2500 block of north Minnesota has had issues with parking. It was suggested that we go with no parking signs on the left side of the street to address the problem. I spoke with every resident within that area and only two residents did not support this plan. One sign will be removed on the south end of the block. It is our plan to send out a notice of enforcement to make citizens aware that compliance will be expected.
- **Officer Cavanaugh, 23 Beat**, reported the following: 1) 21 Beat has a drug house at 324 North Pennsylvania. Officers are working with OCI on several housing violations; 2) 22 Beat has a P.O.P. project at Heritage Park dealing with homeless victims. There have been complaints from area businesses about loitering. There used to be many events in that park (weddings, musicians, etc.) and hopefully those things can reoccur in the spring. Secondly, the Skate Park has not experienced a lot of problems. The main complaint comes from the printing business in the area; 3) 23 Beat has been experiencing a rash of burglaries in garages and sheds.

*(Officer Cavanaugh's response is in italics)*

**Brewer** asked if there were problems with skaters and bikers in the park together? *The skaters and bikers take turns and there has not been a problem to date. There has been a decrease in the bikers and I am not sure why. The bikers tend to use one particular area, which has worked out well.* **Brown Foster** asked if helmets are required? *No. We ask for them to, but law does not require it. The current issue is that they are showing up to skate after school. The rule is dusk to dawn and it is getting dark earlier, which means less skating time.* **Domitrovic** asked if it is well lit and if the park is not to be used after dark? *The lighting is for security purposes and some of those dips are really dark.*

- **Officer Wright, 25 Beat**, reported the following: 1) 700 to 800 blocks of south Hydraulic has speeding issues. As a result, they are running radar in that area daily. Also working with Officer Cavanaugh on their issues.

The board received and filed.

#### Unfinished Business

No items submitted.

#### New Business

No items submitted.

#### Board Agenda

#### 4. Updates, Issues, and Reports

- **Brewer** reported the following: 1) the District 1 Coalition Breakfast had very good attendance. The housing developer that spoke had a large percentage of houses that will be rental with the option to buy. The group did not receive the presentation very well and no one appeared to be happy about the project; 2) the widening of 13<sup>th</sup> Street from Hillside to Woodlawn was presented at the breakfast. The citizens were asked for recommendations for the design/build project; and 3) December 21<sup>st</sup> is the holiday dinner and all were welcomed to attend.
- **Pickens** reported that the Sugar Plum Daycare, 2400 block of north Piatt, would host its grand opening the second week in January 2006.

- **Brown Foster** announced: 1) the Sav-a-Lot Grocery Store groundbreaking was wonderful. Council Member Brewer did a great job with his speech and Mr. James Arbertha was very happy with the outcome. **Brewer** thanked all of the DAB members that attended; and 2) Henson Contractor will host an open house at 37<sup>th</sup> and Hillside.
- **Domitrovic** reported that in the area of the East High School, there are no speed zone requirements. However, there is a crosswalk in the area. He stated that something should be done for the safety of the students. **Pickens** commented that they did the same thing at Gammon Elementary. The Site Council worked with Traffic Engineering on the project. She then offered her services.
- **Brewer** ended the meeting by thanking the board for their contributions to the community. He also thanked the citizens for their hard work and stated that District 1 has lots of success stories due to people working together. He encouraged the board to find more people to work with us to accomplish greater things. Lastly, he said to have a wonderful, fun, and safe holiday and do not drink and drive.

The board received and filed.

With no further business, **Roberts (Lawrence)** made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virdena Gilkey  
Neighborhood Assistant